

# Croydon Council

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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CABINET COMMITTEE</b> <b>26 April 2016</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>HEREWARD AVENUE &amp; WYVERN ROAD PROPOSED CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE RESULTS OF CONSULTATION</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Jo Negrini, Executive Director of Planning and Environment</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	<b>Councillor Kathy Bee, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>Purley</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b>  This report is in accordance with objectives to improve the safety and reduce obstructive parking on the Borough's roads as detailed in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Croydon Plan; Transport Chapter.</li><li>• The Local Implementation Plan; 3.6 Croydon Transport policies</li><li>• Croydon's Community Strategy; Priority Areas 1, 3, 4 and 6</li><li>• Croydon Corporate Plan 2013 – 15</li><li>• <a href="http://www.croydonobservatory.org/strategies/">www.croydonobservatory.org/strategies/</a></li></ul>	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A</b>	
<b>FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: n/a</b>	
<b>1. RECOMMENDATIONS</b> That the Traffic Management Advisory Committee recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that they consider the results of the consultation received and agree:  1.1 Not to introduce a controlled parking zone in Hereward Avenue and Wyvern Road at the current time but to monitor traffic and parking issues including communications from local residents for future review.  1.2 Inform the petition organiser of the decision.	

## 2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 A petition was received from residents of Hereward Avenue and Wyvern Road concerned with the high level of commuter parking creating obstruction and safety concerns for residents and other road users.
- 2.1 This report considers the results of the consultation and proposal to introduce a controlled parking scheme in Hereward Avenue and Wyvern Road and recommends not proceeding with a scheme at the current time.

## 3 DETAIL

- 3.1 A petition from residents of Hereward Avenue and Wyvern Road was received in the summer of 2015 requesting parking controls to reduce the negative effect of commuters. Officers reported the request to the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting on 6 October (minute A63/15 refers) recommending that residents be consulted on a possible extension of the Purley Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) (outer area) with a combination of free parking bays sited away from driveways in conjunction with single yellow line 1 to 2pm Monday to Friday waiting restrictions.
- 3.2 Currently there are no restrictions in both roads and commuters are parking close to many driveways in these roads during the daytime due to the close proximity of Purley town centre and Purley train station. Approval was given to consult the residents in Hereward Avenue and Wyvern Road.

## 4 CONSULTATION:

- 4.1 Residents in Hereward Avenue and Wyvern Road were consulted on the possibility of extending the existing Purley CPZ outer zone with free bays in conjunction with 1 to 2pm, Monday to Friday waiting restrictions into these roads by letter and questionnaire on 22 February 2016. The document explained the reason for the consultation and asked respondents to complete and return the questionnaire using the pre-paid envelope. Information also included the proposed operational time and possible implications of introducing controls.
- 4.2 Residents were given 3 weeks to respond. The return date was Friday 11 March 2016. The results are provided in Table 1 to this report. The questionnaire comprised of 2 options: **Option1**: One Hour CPZ with free parking bays and single yellow lines waiting restrictions. Proposed operational time for the single yellow lines is 1pm to 2pm, Monday to Friday. **Option2**: Do nothing – Retain the existing parking arrangements. The questionnaire also included a comments box, which gave all respondents the opportunity to make any additional comments. The attached plan number **PD-300** shows the consultation area and layout of the proposed parking arrangements.
- 4.3 The consultation results showed that there was a good overall response rate of 64% from Hereward Avenue and 69% from Wyvern Road. Hereward Avenue and Wyvern Road are adjoining roads and therefore for this consultation, it is logical to analyse both roads as one combined road, due to the fact that if one road is implemented and the other road is not then the road outside the controlled zone will be adversely affected by the displaced parking.

4.4 The overall percentage in favour of controlled parking zone is 30% (taking both results into account).

4.5 Table 1 shows the returns and results.

4.6 **TABLE 1: RESULTS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

<b>STREET NAME</b>	<b>Number of Properties</b>	<b>Number of Responses Received</b>	<b>% Returned</b>	<b>Number of Responses in Favour</b>	<b>% in favour</b>
Hereward Avenue	25	16	64%	9	60%
Wyvern Road	26	18	69%	1	6%
<b>TOTAL (Both roads)</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30%</b>

4.7 The results show that the majority of residents in the Hereward Avenue (60%) are in favour of parking controls but only 6% from Wyvern Road. The overall percentage in favour of controlled parking zone is 30%.

4.8 The main comments made by the residents include:

- If implemented will likely reduce the value of their properties (Wyvern Road).
- The proposed scheme will not allow sufficient parking for residents (Wyvern Road).
- Residents enjoy the semi-rural aspect of their road (Wyvern Road).
- Some residents may have to change their front gardens to park their cars because there will not be enough space on the road (Wyvern Road).
- Concerns that some non-local long-term parking by people making use of the train for holiday journeys via Gatwick airport will still be able to park in the free bays, therefore the problem will still remain (Hereward Avenue).
- Requests that the proposed 1 hour free controlled parking scheme should be 1 hour "Residents Permit Holders Only" (Hereward Avenue) controlled parking scheme.

4.9 The Council's responsibility in ensuring the safe movement of traffic includes access to the road network and to this end all junctions in this area have yellow line waiting restrictions, including double yellow line 'At any time' waiting restrictions.

4.10 The purpose of the consultation was to determine support for a 1 Hour Free parking scheme that would provide free parking bays that will allow commuters/shoppers to park safely and away from driveway entrances.

4.11 As 70% of residents that have responded from Hereward Avenue and Wyvern Road have voted against parking controls, it is proposed not to introduce a scheme at this time

but to continue to monitor parking and traffic conditions as well as communication from local residents, for future review.

## **5 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.2 Approved by: Louise Lynch, Business Partner, Place Department.

## **6 COMMENTS OF COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER**

6.1 The Solicitor to the Council comments that in considering the responses to the consultation, consideration should be given to the purpose of the powers in Section 6, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to introduce and implement Traffic Management Orders. In doing so, section 122 of the Act imposes a duty on the Council to have regard (so far as practicable) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The Council must also have regard to such matters as the effect on the amenities of any locality affected.

6.3 Approved by: Gabriel Macgregor, Acting Council Solicitor and Acting Monitoring Officer.

## **7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

7.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

7.2 Approved by: Adrian Prescod, HR Business Partner, for and on behalf of Director of Human Resources, Chief Executive Department.

## **8. CUSTOMER, EQUALITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACTS**

8.1 There are no such implications arising from this report.

## **9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

9.1 The recommendation is to do nothing, since the majority of residents have stated they are happy with the existing parking arrangements in their road.

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### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None